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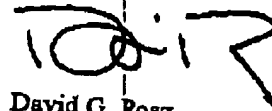
Sirs,

Applicants request a refund to Deposit Account 50-1147 of the PTO fee of \$180 for the submission of Information Disclosure Statement which was charged to our Deposit Account 50-1147 on April 25, 2005 since the fee was not required for this application.

Copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of March 15, 2005 and our Deposit Account Statement of April 2005 are attached herewith.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,



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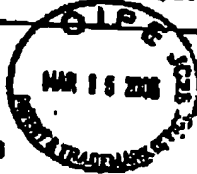
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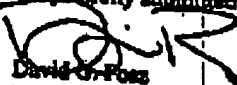
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is being brought to the attention of the Examiner without any admission that it constitutes statutory prior art, or without any admission that it contains subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby certifies that each listed reference was first cited in a Communication (copy and translation enclosed) from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

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NOTICE OF REASONS FOR REJECTION (Excerpt Translation)

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Application No.: 2002-289724

Date drafted: February 8, 2005

Examiner: Masayuki Mori

Attorney: Hiroshi Ookawa

Section applied: Section 29(2)

Cited Reference: JP-A-2001-21411

REASONS

The invention defined in the claims 1-14 only utilizes technologies in an automobile weight detector disclosed in the reference JP-A-2001-21411. The invention can be easily made by a person having ordinary skill in the art based on the reference disclosed before the application of this invention. Therefore, the invention is not patentable under section 29(2).

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or if you want to have an interview with the Examiner, please contact the Examiner.

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この出願は、次の理由によって拒絶をすべきものである。これについて意見があれば、この通知書の発送の日から60日以内に意見書を提出して下さい。

理 由

この出願の請求項1～14に係る全発明は、本出願前日本国内において頒布された刊行物である特開2001-21411号公報に記載された車両用重量検知装置を適宜利用するものにすぎないのであって、その出願前にその発明の属する技術の分野における通常の知識を有する者が容易に発明をすることができたものであるから、特許法第29条第2項の規定により特許を受けることができない。

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